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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98,541-C)

In the Application of:	)	
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Kimberly Christensen	)	
	)	Examiner: Yelena G. Gakh
Serial No.: 09/721,096	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1743
Filing Date: November 22, 2000	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 4217
For: Removal Of Embedding Media	)	
From Biological Samples and Cell Conditioning	)	
on Automated Staining Instruments	)	

**REPLY TO THE JANUARY 12, 2004 OFFICIAL ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the January 12, 2004 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.